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INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA

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SUBJ: VISIT OF ANC LEADER OLIVER TAMBO

REF: HAVANA 362

1. SOTH AFRICAN ANC (AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS)  
LEADER OLIVER TAMBO DEPARTED HAVANA, OCTOBER 24,  
AFTER NINE-DAY VISIT HERE. TAMBO RECEIVED EXTRA-  
ORDINARY HIGH-LEVEL TREATMENT IN CUBA--FIDEL CASTRO  
HELD TWO DISCUSSIONS WITH HIM ON OCTOBER 15 AND OCTOBER 23,  
RAUL CASTRO GREETED TAMBO AT AIRPORT UPON ARRIVAL,  
OCTOBER 15, AND FOREIGN POLICY KINGPIN CARLOS RAFAEL RODRIGUEZ  
HELD DISCUSSION WITH ANC LEADER, OCTOBER 24.

2. TAMBO AND HIS ANC ASSOCIATES MADE TWO PUBLIC  
APPEARANCES DURING VISIT (ONE AT PRESS CONFERENCE AT  
ASIAN, AFRICAN, LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY ORGANIZATION,  
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OCTOBER 22, AND ONE AT UNDISCLOSED LOCATION, OCTOBER 24).  
KEY POINTS PICKED UP BY CUBAN PRESS ARE AS FOLLOWS:

--SOUTH AFRICAN BLACK YOUTH, WHO FORM MASS OF  
ANTI-APARTHEID MOVEMENT, HAVE GRAVIATED TOWARD  
ANC AND SOUTH AFRICAN COMMUNIST PARTY;

--DIVISIONS AMONG SOUTH AFRICAN ELITE DO NOT REFLECT A DESIRE FOR CHANGE, BUT RATHER EFFORTS OF CAPITALIST POWERS TO GUARANTEE THEIR INTERESTS IN DIFFERENT MANNER. FOR EXAMPLE, WHITE OPPOSITION ELEMENTS VISIT SENEGAL'S LEOPOLD SENGHOR, NOT FIDEL CASTRO;

--UN SECURITY COUNCIL SHOULD ECONOMICALLY SANCTION AND EMBARGO ARMS SHIPMENTS TO SOUTH AFRICA;

--WITH REGARD TO US, WITHDRAWAL OF AMBASSADOR FROM PRETORIA FOR CONSULTATIONS IS NOT ENOUGH. WASHINGTON SHOULD SHOW DISAPPROVAL OF APARTHEID AND CEASE SUPPORT AND "SUPPLY OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA" BY US AND ALLIES;

--VORSTER'S LATEST REPRESSIVE MEASURES EFFECTIVELY ELIMINATE ANY ILLUSION THAT THERE ARE PATHS TO CHANGE OTHER THAN ARMED STRUGGLE;

--US-UK PROPOSALS ON NAMIBIA AND RHODESIA ARE DESIGNED TO IMPOSE NEO-COLONIAL SYSTEM ON SOUTHERN AFRICA AND TO FIND SOLUTION THAT DOES NOT DELIVER POWER TO POPULAR MASSES.

3. TAMBO INDICATED THAT, IN HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH CASTRO, DISCUSSION TOUCHED ON RECENT EVENTS IN SOUTH AFRICA, THE RHODESIAN AND NAMIBIAN DIPLOMATIC SITUATION, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND FUTURE OF STRUGGLE OF SOUTH AFRICAN PEOPLE.

4. COMMENT: PRESS COVERAGE AND LEVEL AT WHICH TAMBO RECEIVED WAS MUCH IN EXCESS OF TREATMENT ACCORDED TO ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER WHO WAS VISITING SIMULTANEOUSLY. THIS FORTIFIES OUR EARLIER CONCLUSION (REFTEL) THAT CUBANS ARE CONCENTRATING ON SITUATION IN SOUTHERN, RATHER THAN EASTERN, AFRICA. PUBLICATION IN CUBAN PRESS OF TAMBO STATEMENT THAT SOLUTION IN SOUTH AFRICA MUST BE BY ARMED STRUGGLE SUGGESTS THAT CUBANS MAY INCLUDE ANC IN TRAINING/WEAPONS SUPPORT FOR ZAPU AND SWAPO. SHREWD DIPLOMATIC SOURCE OPINED TO USINT CHIEF, OCTOBER 27, THAT STRING OF VISITS HERE BY AFRICAN DIGURES (MACHEL, TAMBO, GHANAIAN FOREIGN MINISTER FELLI, ZAMBIA FOREIGN MINISTER MWALI, AND APPARENTLY NEXT, SWAPO'S SAM MUJOMA) MAY BE INTENDED INTER ALIA TO DEMONSTRATE LEGITIMACY OF CUBAN INVOMVEMENT IN AFRICA AND TO FORTIFY NETO POLITICALLY. CUBANS MAY BELIEVE, HE SAID, THAT VISITS WILL ISOLATE UNITA AND COUNTER SETBACK TO METO'S PRESTIGE SUFFERED AS RESULT OF MAY COUP AND UPSURGE OF UNITA ACTIVITY.

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